

HOUSE RESOLUTION 308

By Bone

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the directors, officers, and staff of Bank of the South on the occasion of their fifth anniversary of service to the citizens of Wilson and Rutherford counties.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is honored to recognize those financial institutions within this State whose histories are intertwined with the growth of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy institution is Bank of the South, which is celebrating five years of dedicated financial service to growing and prosperous Wilson and Rutherford counties, including the Mt. Juliet, Lebanon, Smyrna, and Murfreesboro communities; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2006, Bank of the South marked half a decade's worth of capital investment that has been and continues to be vital to the community's housing, educational, and industrial expansion; and

WHEREAS, in just five short years, Bank of the South has expanded from three to seven offices, including new locations in Mt. Juliet, Lebanon, and Murfreesboro, with assets of over \$399 million; and

WHEREAS, a locally owned and operated financial institution, Bank of the South has attained all of these remarkable achievements and the current milestone while maintaining its unsurpassed reputation of operating a safe, sound financial institution with the highest measure of honesty and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Bank of the South has also served as a model corporate citizen, supporting education and numerous other worthy civic and charitable causes; along the way, Bank of the South has not only strengthened Wilson and Rutherford counties fiscally, but also made them a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Bank of the South generously supports the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Mt. Juliet Wine Festival, Wilson County Fair, Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County, Go Red for Women, rotary Club International, Kiwanis Club, Exchange Club, Civitan Club, Mt. Juliet Senior Citizens Center, Lebanon Senior Citizens Center, the United Way, and many more laudable organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly in the value of education, Bank of the South supports many area schools and sponsors the Valedictorian/Salutatorian Breakfast for Wilson County high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, a certified Small Business Administration lender, Bank of the South offers a comprehensive range of financial services to a diverse customer base of individuals, small businesses, local government, and industry, including mortgages, business and commercial loans, investment services, insurance, and savings and checking products; and

WHEREAS, Bank of the South proudly employs 123 dedicated professionals who live, work, and play in the communities the bank serves with the utmost diligence, acumen, and conviviality; and

WHEREAS, Bank of the South has benefited greatly from the acumen, vision, and leadership of its Board of Directors, which includes founding members David Major, Sam Short, Ed Davenport, Allen Henson, Jim Agee, Harold Gordon Bone, Robert Callis, Wayne Hardy, Mike Harris, Larry Keller, Monty Mires, Steve Steele, Kenneth Victory, David Waldron, Charles E. "Buddy" Stephens, and M. Dale McCulloch and David B. Penuel, who joined the Board in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Bank of the South has been and will continue to be a fixture in the lives of the citizens of Wilson and Rutherford counties, and should be recognized for its many contributions; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the directors, officers, and staff of Bank of the South for the many services they provide to their community and customers, their ongoing commitment to

excellence, and their five years of dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join in celebrating the fifth anniversary of Bank of the South and extend to the directors, officers, staff, and patrons of Bank of the South our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.